

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY
MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2005 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Introductions were made and the following were in attendance: Dick Durland, Sherwood Hills Neighborhood Association; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association; Ron Price, Pleasant Highlands Neighborhood Association; Doug Ballou, NACCC Chair; Holly Gaya, CC Neighborhood Program; Duane Mattson, Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association; Bridget Schwarz, Friends of Clark County; Lamont Shaindlin, Sifton Neighborhood Association; Kathy Murphy, Heritage Neighborhood Association; Terasue Lintz, Minnehaha; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association; Milada Allen, Felida Neighborhood Association; Kim Conner, Council for the Homeless.

Announcements:

- Commander Erin Nolan sent a thank you for her recognition award which was presented by NACCC at the State of the County Address on February 4.
- April 16 is the Kline Kids Fishing Event.
- Neighborhoods USA applications are due by March 18. The conference will be in Sacramento May 24-28. The City of Vancouver will be sending six neighborhood representatives; three city and three county neighborhood leaders. Applications were sent out in county weekly mailing and are available on the Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods web page.
- March 16 is the Clark County Fair Exhibition Center dedication from 3-7 pm.
- Community Development's weekly Pre-Application Report has occasional errors identifying the appropriate neighborhood association who require notification. NACCC is notified for all unrepresented areas but has not been receiving staff reports about the projects. It would be helpful if the information is available on-line and easy to access. For example, entering the project number one should be able to have access to the information regarding that project.
- Maps on-line are off line a lot. Doug has been working with Bob Poole to remedy the situation.
- Vancouver City Council has approved reducing the members of the Vancouver Planning Commission from nine to seven members. Additionally, they are considering having one position filled by someone from the Vancouver urban growth area, unincorporated Clark County. There will be a vacancy in October 2005.
- The next Annexation meeting will be held April 6 at 6:30 at the Public Safety Complex, Clark County Fairgrounds. The agenda is to explore the advantages and disadvantages of annexation and make sure legislation is enacted which requires a public vote.
- Youth involvement in neighborhood associations is the focus of a group which recently met with Vancouver School District officials and Bruce Anderson & Lee Valenta from Community Activators. Bud, Doug, Milada, and the Vancouver School District are working together to identify ways to recognize youth and promote their participation in the neighborhood associations. Some of the ideas include:
 - o Neighborhood participation with judging senior projects at local high schools.
 - o Neighborhood clearing house for community projects
 - o Youth participation and representation on Neighborhood Association boardsAnyone interested in getting involved with the effort should contact Doug. Eventually they hope to involve other school districts in this partnership. The value of youth cannot be measured and requires partnership with schools and youth organizations.

Guest Speaker: Kim Conner, Council for the Homeless

Council for the Homeless has been around for 15 years and currently has a variety of programs. The Emergency Shelter Clearing House allows people seeking shelter to phone one number to receive assistance. The Homeless Management Information System tracks data on people they serve. It reveals trends, needs, and assists in tailoring services to provide appropriate assistance. Community Voice Mail serves as a contact number for people who are looking for jobs and allows the opportunity to connect with family members.

The fastest growing population of homeless people in Clark County is families with children. A lot of homeless people have jobs and have simply experienced difficult financial situations, such as high medical bills which have put them on the street.

At this time, the Council for the Homeless is conducting a homeless count in the community. Neighborhoods are asked to continue to contribute to this mission. Donations of food, blankets, and volunteering at a local shelter are always welcome.

Neighborhood roundtable:

Dick Durland, Sherwood Hills Neighborhood Association. Dick announced that Friends of Salmon Creek have planned a rally for Saturday morning, March 19th at the corner of 117 St. and Hwy 99, near the proposed CRC Medical Treatment Facility.

Lamont Shaindlin, Sifton Neighborhood Association. Sifton Neighborhood Association will meet on March 15. They had 35 people at their meeting last month. Currently there are two major construction projects. The new Kaiser facility and a Wal-Mart are underway at this time. These projects will include a new signal light and a sound wall around the adjacent subdivision. These projects are within Vancouver City limits but will impact surrounding County neighborhoods.

Kathy Murphy, Heritage Neighborhood Association. Heritage feels the direct impact of the new Wal-Mart which is in the middle of Heritage Neighborhood Association. Additionally, there is considerable construction occurring on 162nd Avenue, including widening of the street. Heritage Neighborhood Association also contributes to shelters and relief funds.

Duane Mattson, Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association. There are 1,200 new homes in various stages of construction within the Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association. The new interchange at Pioneer is ahead of schedule due to some additional funding. They are also staying informed about the Cowlitz Casino plans.

Bridget Schwarz, Friends of Clark County. Bridget suggested that NACCC host a community forum in April which will educate people about substance abuse. The forum will include topics such as: What is addiction? What is opiate addiction? What is the treatment? What goes on in a treatment facility? NACCC voted and agreed to host the forum.

Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association. West Hazel Dell will be sending out a newsletter with an annexation questionnaire and having a meeting in May. There is a new 10 acre park in the association and Dave Barnett will attend the April 12 Salmon Creek /Hazel Dell Business Association meeting.

George Vartanian, Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association. There is continuing construction on Union south of 179 St.

Ron Price, Pleasant Highlands Neighborhood Association. There are a lot of homes going up in the area.

Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association. Thanks to everyone for their efforts to get out the vote on the Metro Parks District, which passed with 26 votes more than were needed. Bud also reminded everyone that spring break is approaching starting the week of April 4th. He also asked for neighborhood associations to keep in mind that as development occurs in our county, it will significantly impact the Sheriff's Office. The Clark County Sheriff will need additional deputies and resources in order to continue their exceptional service.

Bud has written and sent e-mails many Clark County neighborhood association leaders that don't regularly attend NACCC meetings and personally invited them.

Milada Allen, Felida Neighborhood Association. Currently there are 12 projects on-going in the Felida Neighborhood Association. She is researching the levels of service for the access roads and a proposed traffic signal.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next Neighborhood Associations Council meeting will be on April 11, 7 pm, at 4700 NE 78 St. in the Public Works Operations Center conference building.

Doug Ballou
Chairman, NACCC
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